

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 2015

**RECOGNIZING** P. Jeane Goings, a woman of boundless energy, for her contributions to the City of Cincinnati, and expressing Council's sincere appreciation for her dedication to volunteerism and her willingness to share her incredible compassion and generosity of spirit and time with our community as one of its unsung heroines.

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings was born in Louisville, Kentucky, the daughter of a former Kentucky state representative and a teacher; moved to Cincinnati in 1954 after earning a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania; and fell in love and married William Goings, a local pharmacist and World War II Army veteran, who was recognized by the City of Cincinnati, City Council, on April 23, 1997; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings and her husband moved to Kennedy Heights more than 50 years ago, being among the first African-American families to venture into the neighborhood that actively courted integration amid the civil rights struggles of the late 1950s; and they raised three children, all of whom are successful adults, to follow the family lead of service to others, religion, and education; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings, having encountered racism on her first job in Cincinnati in the 1950s and having discovered that the agency for which she worked was using inequitable pay scales that were based on both the race and gender of its employees, fought to bring about change; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings served as Director of Social Services for Children's Home, Inc. of Cincinnati for more than 20 years and was instrumental in placing over 1,000 children in caring homes with an eye toward bridging racial constraints; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings, along with her husband, was instrumental in the founding during the 1960's of the Kennedy Heights Community Council, which is actively involved in Block Watch and zoning issues, advocating for good neighborhood schools, and bridging racial differences; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings was among the core group who founded the Kennedy Heights Arts Center more than 10 years ago, which group raised \$40,000 needed to match a \$50,000 grant from the City of Cincinnati to secure the old Kennedy mansion on Montgomery Road and to ensure development of a future arts center that continues to thrive to this day; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings, the only President of the YWCA Board of Directors to serve three terms, became involved in 1977 through her participation in the committee that established the first battered women shelter in our community and was instrumental in helping to launch and complete YWCA's capital campaign that made a new and expanded shelter for battered women and the renovation of the YWCA's historic downtown headquarters possible; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings, who lives by the motto "To those whom much is given, much is expected," for nearly 55 years has tirelessly given her time to dozens of Cincinnati boards and community organizations, including The Wellness Community of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, YWCA, League of Women Voters, NAACP, Charter Party, Mental Health Northwest, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Maple Knoll Village, Cincinnati Links, Hamilton County Children's Service Commission, and the Caring Place, a Kennedy Heights church coalition helping people who need food, clothing, furniture, rent or utility assistance; and

WHEREAS, P. Jeane Goings has received numerous awards for her commitment to service, including the YWCA Racial Justice Award, the Urban League's Glorifying the Lions Award, The Wellness Community Award, the Kennedy Heights Arts Center's Kennedy Award, Cincinnati Enquirer "Woman of the Year" Award, the NAACP Black Family Award, and the inclusion of her name on the National Wall of Tolerance, which is part of the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize the lifelong contributions of P. Jeane Goings to the Cincinnati community and express their sincere appreciation for her mission to empower women and eliminate racism.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be provided to P. Jeane Goings, of Cincinnati.

Passed: February 25, 2015

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk

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Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Yvette Simpson